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Annual total phosphorus and total nitrogen loadings to the lake were estimated and subdivided according to either point or non-point source origin. An assessment of the lake's trophic condition and limiting nutrient is also provided. All data collected by the U.S.E.P.A. National Eutrophication Survey during the one year study of the lake and its tributaries are included in the report.

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FOREWORD

The National Eutrophication Survey was initiated in 1972 in response to an Administration commitment to investigate the nationwide threat of accelerated eutrophication to freshwater lakes and reservoirs.

OBJECTIVES

The Survey was designed to develop, in conjunction with state environmental agencies, information on nutrient sources, concentrations, and impact on selected freshwater lakes as a basis for formulating comprehensive and coordinated national, regional, and state management practices relating to point-source discharge reduction and non-point source pollution abatement in lake watersheds.

ANALYTIC APPROACH

The mathematical and statistical procedures selected for the Survey's eutrophication analysis are based on related concepts that:

a. A generalized representation or model relating sources, concentrations, and impacts can be constructed.

b. By applying measurements of relevant parameters associated with lake degradation, the generalized model can be transformed into an operational representation of a lake, its drainage basin, and related nutrients.

c. With such a transformation, an assessment of the potential for eutrophication control can be made.

LAKE ANALYSIS

In this report, the first stage of evaluation of lake and watershed data collected from the study lake and its drainage basin is documented. The report is formatted to provide state environmental agencies with specific information for basin planning [§303(e)], water quality criteria/standards review [§303(c)], clean lakes [§314(a,b)], and water quality monitoring [§106 and §305(b)] activities mandated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Beyond the single lake analysis, broader based correlations between nutrient concentrations (and loading) and trophic condition are being made to advance the rationale and data base for refinement of nutrient water quality criteria for the Nation's fresh water lakes. Likewise, multivariate evaluations for the relationships between land use, nutrient export, and trophic condition, by lake class or use, are being developed to assist in the formulation of planning guidelines and policies by EPA and to augment plans implementation by the states.

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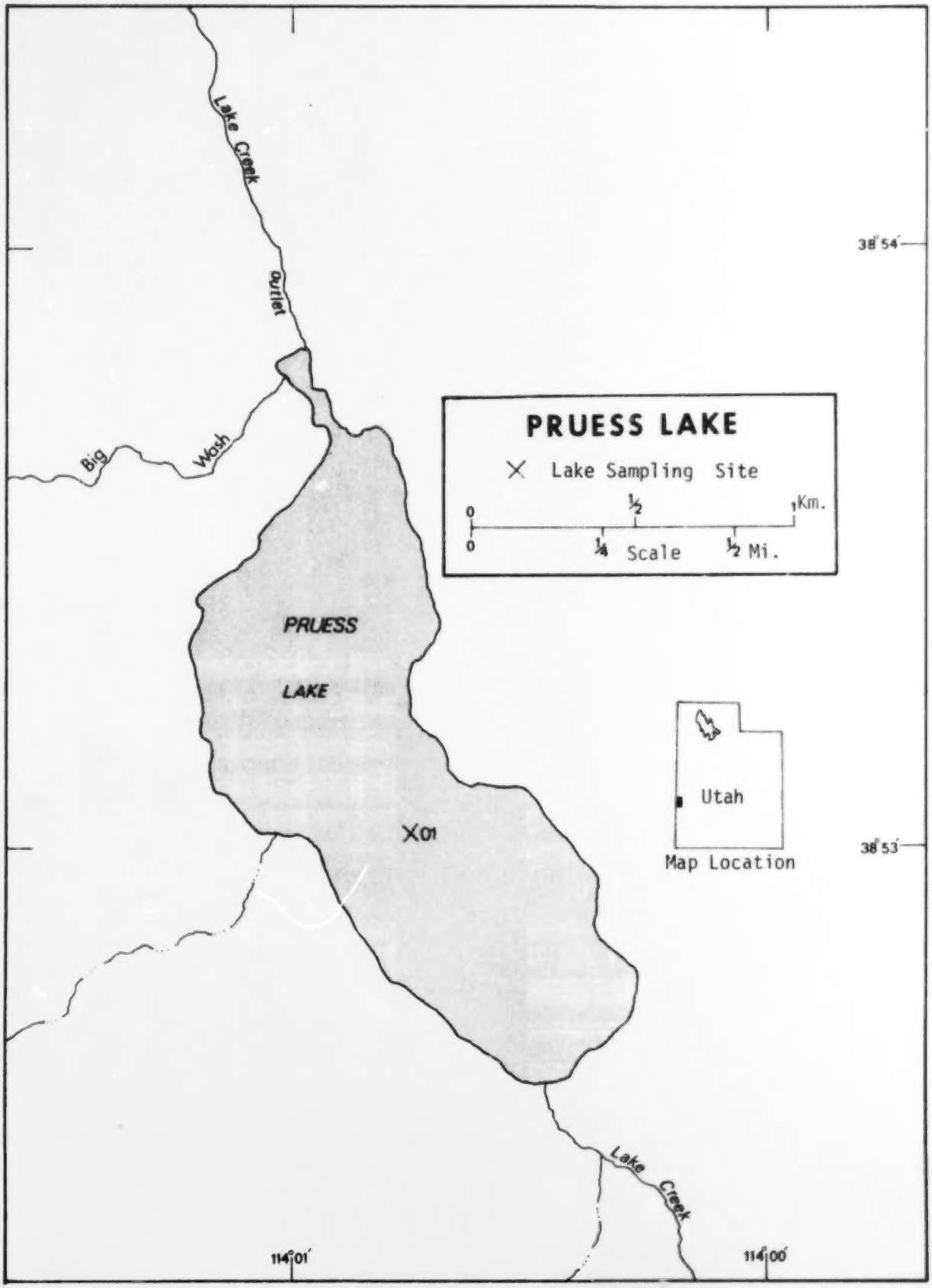
NATIONAL EUTROPHICATION SURVEY

STUDY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

STATE OF UTAH

NAME	COUNTY
Bear	Rich, UT; Bear Lake, ID
Deer Creek	Wasatch
Echo	Summit
Fish	Sevier
Flaming Gorge	Daggett, UT; Sweetwater, WY
Huntington	Emery
Joes Valley	Emery
Lower Bowns	Garfield
Lynn	Box Elder
Minersville	Beaver
Moon	Duchesne
Navajo	Kane
Newcastle	Iron
Otter Creek	Piute
Panguich	Garfield
Pelican	Uintah
Pineview	Weber
Piute	Piute
Porcupine	Cache
Powell	Garfield, Kane, San Juan, UT; Coconino, AZ
Pruess	Millard
Sevier Bridge	Juab, Sanpete
Starvation	Duchesne
Steinaker	Uintah
Tropic	Garfield
Utah	Utah
Willard Bay	Box Elder


PRUESS LAKE
Lake Sampling Site
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Scale
½ Mi.
Lake Creek
Outlet
Big
Wash
PRUESS
LAKE
01
Utah
Map Location
Lake Creek
38°54′
38°53′
114°01′
114°00′

PRUESS LAKE

STORET NO. 4919

I. INTRODUCTION

Pruess Lake was included in the National Eutrophication Survey as a water body of interest to the Utah Bureau of Environmental Health. Tributaries and nutrient sources were not sampled, and this report relates only to the lake sampling data.

II. CONCLUSIONS

A. Trophic Condition:

Survey data indicate that Pruess Lake is eutrophic. It ranked fourteenth in overall trophic quality when the 27 Utah lakes and reservoirs sampled in 1975 were compared using a combination of six parameters*. Twenty-one of the waterbodies had less median total phosphorus, 16 had less and one had the same median dissolved orthophosphorus, 17 had less median inorganic nitrogen,eight had less mean chlorophyll a, and all of the others had greater mean Secchi disc transparency.

B. Rate-Limiting Nutrient:

The algal assay results are not considered representative of conditions in the lake at the times the samples were collected. The lake data indicate nitrogen limitation in May and August and phosphorus limitation in September. However, the lack of transparency (mean Secchi disc depth of 0.2 meters) indicates the lake may be light-limited much of the time.

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* See Appendix A.

III. LAKE AND DRAINAGE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS†

A. Morphometry††:

1. Surface area: 1.46 kilometers^2.
2. Mean depth: 5.8 meters.
3. Maximum depth: 10.7 meters.
4. Volume: 7.154 x 10^6 m^3.

B. Precipitation*:

1. Year of sampling: 20.7 centimeters.
2. Mean annual: 20.7 centimeters.

† Table of metric equivalents--Appendix B.
†† Sudweeks, 1975; maximum depth from Ikner (1975).
* See Working Paper No. 175, "...Survey Methods, 1973-1976".

IV. WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

Pruess Lake was sampled three times during the open-water season of 1975 by means of a pontoon-equipped Huey helicopter. Each time, samples for physical and chemical parameters were collected from one or more depths at one station on the lake (see map, page v). During each visit, a depth-integrated (near bottom to surface) sample was collected for phytoplankton identification and enumeration; and a similar sample was taken for chlorophyll a analysis. During the first and last visits, a single 18.9-liter depth-integrated sample was collected for algal assays. The maximum depth sampled was 3.0 meters.

The sampling results are presented in full in Appendix C and are summarized in the following table.

A. SUMMARY OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR PRUESS RESERVOIR (GARRIS
STORET CODE 4919

PARAMETER	1ST SAMPLING (5/ 8/75) 1 SITES RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	2ND SAMPLING (8/13/75) 1 SITES RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	3RD SAMPLING (9/26/75) 1 SITES RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN
TEMP (C)	9.6 - 9.7	9.7	9.7	16.2 - 16.3	16.2	16.2	15.1 - 15.1	15.1	15.1
DISS OXY (MG/L)	8.0 - 8.2	8.1	8.2	6.2 - 6.2	6.2	6.2	7.6 - 7.6	7.6	7.6
CNDCTVY (MCROMO)	908. - 953.	935.	944.	1010. - 1012.	1011.	1011.	783. - 783.	783.	783.
PH (STAND UNITS)	8.6 - 8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4 - 8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5 - 8.5	8.5	8.5
TOT ALK (MG/L)	400. - 545.	473.	473.	395. - 465.	430.	430.	455. - 455.	455.	455.
TOT P (MG/L)	0.040 - 0.043	0.041	0.041	0.071 - 0.080	0.075	0.075	0.057 - 0.057	0.057	0.057
ORTHO P (MG/L)	0.006 - 0.008	0.007	0.007	0.019 - 0.034	0.026	0.026	0.008 - 0.008	0.008	0.008
NO2+NO3 (MG/L)	0.020 - 0.020	0.020	0.020	0.130 - 0.130	0.130	0.130	0.120 - 0.120	0.120	0.120
AMMONIA (MG/L)	0.020 - 0.030	0.025	0.025	0.060 - 0.080	0.070	0.070	0.020 - 0.020	0.020	0.020
KJEL N (MG/L)	0.700 - 0.700	0.700	0.700	1.100 - 1.200	1.150	1.150	0.800 - 0.800	0.800	0.800
INORG N (MG/L)	0.040 - 0.050	0.045	0.045	0.190 - 0.210	0.200	0.200	0.140 - 0.140	0.140	0.140
TOTAL N (MG/L)	0.720 - 0.720	0.720	0.720	1.230 - 1.330	1.280	1.280	0.920 - 0.920	0.920	0.920
CHLRPYL A (UG/L)	4.6 - 4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2 - 4.2	4.2	4.2	4.8 - 4.8	4.8	4.8
SECCHI (METERS)	0.3 - 0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2 - 0.2	0.2	0.2	****** - ******	******	******

B. Biological characteristics:

1. Phytoplankton -

Sampling Date	Dominant Genera	Algal Units per ml
05/08/75	1. *Dactylococcopsis sp.*	2,732
	2. *Chroomonas (?) sp.*	102
	Total	2,834
08/13/75	1. *Schroederia sp.*	154
	2. *Sphaerocystis sp.*	61
	3. *Stephanodiscus sp.*	31
	Total	246
09/26/75	1. *Schroederia sp.*	72
	2. *Sphaerocystis sp.*	48
	3. *Cryptomonas sp.*	24
	4. *Aphanizomenon sp.*	24
	5. *Euglena sp.*	24
	Total	192

2. Chlorophyll *a* -

Sampling Date	Station Number	Chlorophyll *a* (μg/l)
05/08/75	1	4.6
08/13/75	1	4.2
09/26/75	1	4.8

C. Limiting Nutrient Study:

Significant nutrient changes occurred in the assay samples during shipment from the field to the laboratory, and the results are not considered representative of conditions in the lake at the times the samples were collected (05/08/75 and 09/26/75).

The lake data indicate nitrogen limitation in May and August and phosphorus limitation in September (the mean inorganic nitrogen/orthophosphorus ratios were 6/1, 8/1, and 18/1, respectively). However, the lack of transparency (mean Secchi disc depth of 0.2 meters) indicates the lake may be light-limited much of the time.

V. LITERATURE REVIEWED

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VI. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

LAKE RANKINGS

LAKE DATA TO BE USED IN RANKINGS

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500-MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLORA	15-MIN DO	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P
0408	LAKE POWELL	0.010	0.410	339.030	3.081	13.800	0.007
4901	BEAR LAKE	0.011	0.040	253.167	0.945	9.200	0.003
4902	LOWER BOWN'S RESERVOIR	0.031	0.040	336.000	5.567	9.400	0.006
4903	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	0.038	0.215	430.333	9.078	14.800	0.006
4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	0.047	0.170	450.333	6.967	14.000	0.012
4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	0.121	0.200	417.667	39.600	10.400	0.052
4906	FISH LAKE	0.023	0.040	152.000	12.483	10.400	0.004
4907	HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVO	0.013	0.040	392.000	1.900	7.800	0.005
4908	JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR	0.012	0.045	400.000	3.483	11.200	0.003
4909	MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR	0.192	0.060	445.000	33.583	8.600	0.107
4910	MOON LAKE	0.008	0.040	381.000	2.700	9.600	0.002
4911	NAVAJO LAKE	0.016	0.040	368.000	2.000	6.000	0.003
4912	NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR	0.051	0.040	428.667	12.467	13.600	0.009
4913	OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR	0.067	0.040	453.667	11.767	10.600	0.033
4914	PANGUITCH LAKE	0.071	0.040	426.500	45.950	14.200	0.010
4915	PELICAN LAKE	0.044	0.050	438.500	6.350	8.400	0.004
4916	PINEVIEW RESERVOIR	0.028	0.300	435.083	5.692	14.640	0.006
4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	0.047	0.150	482.625	25.329	11.600	0.007
4918	PORCUPINE RESERVOIR	0.025	0.110	440.000	7.860	12.400	0.011
4919	PRUESS RESERVOIR (GARRIS	0.057	0.140	491.000	4.533	8.800	0.008
4920	SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR	0.026	0.355	449.778	18.222	12.400	0.008
4921	STARVATION RESERVOIR	0.016	0.040	394.583	5.675	13.200	0.004
4922	STEINAKER RESERVOIR	0.011	0.040	316.750	1.844	12.600	0.005
4923	TROPIC RESERVOIR	0.021	0.050	425.000	7.200	8.400	0.006
4924	UTAH LAKE	0.132	0.320	490.583	72.012	11.400	0.012
4925	WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR	0.044	0.060	457.182	7.567	11.000	0.009
5605	FLAMING GORGE RESERVOIR	0.011	0.690	285.636	2.500	10.400	0.003

PERCENT OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES (NUMBER OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES)

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500-MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLORA	15-MIN DO	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P	INDEX NO
0408	LAKE POWELL	96 (25)	4 (1)	81 (21)	73 (19)	15 (4)	42 (11)	311
4901	BEAR LAKE	90 (23)	87 (19)	96 (25)	100 (26)	77 (20)	90 (23)	540
4902	LOWER BOWN'S RESERVOIR	46 (12)	87 (19)	85 (22)	65 (17)	73 (19)	50 (13)	406
4903	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	42 (11)	19 (5)	42 (11)	35 (9)	0 (0)	58 (14)	196
4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	31 (8)	27 (7)	19 (5)	50 (13)	12 (3)	13 (3)	152
4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	8 (2)	23 (6)	58 (15)	8 (2)	62 (15)	4 (1)	163
4906	FISH LAKE	62 (16)	65 (16)	100 (26)	23 (6)	62 (15)	79 (20)	391
4907	HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVO	77 (20)	65 (16)	69 (18)	92 (24)	96 (25)	69 (18)	468
4908	JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR	81 (21)	58 (15)	62 (16)	85 (22)	46 (12)	96 (25)	428
4909	MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR	0 (0)	44 (11)	27 (7)	12 (3)	85 (22)	0 (0)	168
4910	MOON LAKE	100 (26)	87 (19)	73 (19)	77 (20)	69 (18)	100 (26)	506
4911	NAVAJO LAKE	69 (18)	87 (19)	77 (20)	88 (23)	100 (26)	85 (22)	506
4912	NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR	23 (6)	87 (19)	46 (12)	27 (7)	19 (5)	27 (7)	229
4913	OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR	15 (4)	87 (19)	15 (4)	31 (8)	54 (14)	8 (2)	210
4914	PANGUITCH LAKE	12 (3)	65 (16)	50 (13)	4 (1)	8 (2)	23 (6)	162
4915	PELICAN LAKE	37 (9)	54 (14)	35 (9)	54 (14)	90 (23)	73 (19)	343
4916	PINEVIEW RESERVOIR	50 (13)	15 (4)	38 (10)	58 (15)	4 (1)	50 (14)	223
4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	27 (7)	31 (8)	8 (2)	15 (4)	38 (10)	46 (12)	165
4918	PORCUPINE RESERVOIR	58 (15)	38 (10)	31 (8)	38 (10)	33 (8)	19 (5)	217
4919	PRUESS RESERVOIR (GARRIS	19 (5)	35 (9)	0 (0)	69 (18)	81 (21)	37 (9)	241
4920	SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR	54 (14)	8 (2)	23 (6)	19 (5)	33 (8)	37 (9)	174
4921	STARVATION RESERVOIR	73 (19)	87 (19)	65 (17)	62 (16)	23 (6)	79 (20)	389
4922	STEINAKER RESERVOIR	85 (22)	87 (19)	88 (23)	96 (25)	27 (7)	65 (17)	448
4923	TROPIC RESERVOIR	65 (17)	50 (13)	54 (14)	46 (12)	90 (23)	58 (14)	363
4924	UTAH LAKE	4 (1)	12 (3)	4 (1)	0 (0)	42 (11)	13 (3)	75
4925	WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR	37 (9)	44 (11)	12 (3)	42 (11)	50 (13)	31 (8)	216
5605	FLAMING GORGE RESERVOIR	90 (23)	0 (0)	92 (24)	81 (21)	62 (15)	90 (23)	415

LAKES RANKED BY INDEX NOS.

RANK	LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	INDEX NO
1	4901	BEAR LAKE	548
2	4911	NAVAJO LAKE	506
3	4910	MOON LAKE	506
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6	4908	JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR	428
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17	4918	PORCUPINE RESERVOIR	217
18	4925	WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR	216
19	4913	OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR	210
20	4903	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	196
21	4920	SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR	174
22	4909	MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR	168
23	4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	165
24	4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	163
25	4914	PANQUITCH LAKE	162
26	4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	152
27	4924	UTAH LAKE	75

APPENDIX B

CONVERSION FACTORS

CONVERSION FACTORS

Hectares x 2.471 = acres

Kilometers x 0.6214 = miles

Meters x 3.281 = feet

Cubic meters x 8.107×10^{-4} = acre/feet

Square kilometers x 0.3861 = square miles

Cubic meters/sec x 35.315 = cubic feet/sec

Centimeters x 0.3937 = inches

Kilograms x 2.205 = pounds

Kilograms/square kilometer x 5.711 = lbs/square mile

APPENDIX C

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PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL DATA

STORET RETRIEVAL DATE 76/08/12

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	10 10	0010	9.6	8.2		944	8.65	545	0.020	0.700	0.020	0.006
75/08/13	07 30	0000	16.2	6.2	6	1010	8.45	395	0.060	1.100	0.130	0.034
	07 30	0004	16.3	6.2		1012	8.50	465	0.080	1.200	0.130	0.019
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	10 10	0010	0.043		
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	07 30	0004	0.071		
75/09/26	10 00	0000	0.057	4.8	